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FROM THE FAO CONFERENCE. . . . The FAO Conference, which convened in Copenhagen Sept. 2, adjourned Sept. 13. On the return of the U. S. delegation within the next few days, a summary of accomplishments at the Conference, and FAO developments in general, will be distributed to help further understanding of FAO and its objectives in this country.

One important development of the conference was the establishment of a commission to meet in Washington this fall and draft a specific recommendation for a World Food Board or a similar operation designed to protect farm prices and improve nutrition on a worldwide basis. The commission will consist of representatives from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, France, India, Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, United Kingdom, United States--and Siam during rice discussions. Argentina and Russia, who are not members of FAO, are also invited to take part in the work of the commission as voting members. The plan agreed upon will be referred to member governments of FAO and to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations Organization.

In a closely related field, the International Trade Organization of UNO will begin discussions in a few weeks on world trade arrangements. What comes out of these conferences on international trade and credit, plus the results of the World Food Board studies, can be expected to have a far-reaching effect on farmers, especially those producing exportable surpluses, and are likely to have a major influence on our domestic production and distribution operations.

Because these developments stand to be of direct concern to U. S. farmers, there is a big information job in getting a widespread understanding of the FAO, the ITO, and the other UN activities.

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FHA DEVELOPMENTS. . . . On November 1 Farmers Home Administration will become an official operating agency of USDA. November 12 is the deadline for completing the transfers and consolidations provided for under the FHA Act. On September 20 Dillard B. Lasseter was sworn in as Administrator of Farmers Home Administration by Acting Secretary Charles F. Brannan. Announcement of the organizational set up of Washington FHA offices is expected about October 1. Under the FHA Act, FCA's Emergency Crop and Seed Loan Division is transferred to FHA. The Act provides for abolishing all regional offices of FSA and the Emergency Crop and Seed Loan Division and establishing State FHA offices by July 1. The four FSA area finance offices will continue their functions under FHA. They are at Indianapolis, Ind., Montgomery, Ala., Dallas, Texas, and Denver, Colo.

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A NAT'L GARDEN CONFERENCE is scheduled for November 7 and 8 in Washington. Plans for the conference are now being developed.

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THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CONFERENCE. . . . About 1100 persons are expected to take part in the national working conference on juvenile delinquency in Washington October 21, 22, and 23. Some 150 of these will work together on rural aspects of the problem. A principal aim of the national conference is to stimulate planning for State and local conferences since juvenile delinquency is recognized to be peculiarly a "grass roots" problem. Also, background information and recommendations supplied by the national conference will be a basis for all future conferences.

Most of the three days will be devoted to work on 20 separate panels, one of which is Rural Aspects of the Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency. Considerable work has been done in preparation for the national conference on rural aspects of the problem, by a USDA group headed by Dr. Carl C. Taylor of BAE. The work was divided into 10 sub-panels on which as many reports are being prepared as a basis for work at the conference. The sub-panels are:

(1) Home Responsibilities and Housing, (2) School and Teacher Responsibilities, (3) Youth Opportunities, Participation and Voluntary Leader Training, (4) Juvenile Court Administration and Legislation, (5) Recreation Facilities, Services and Legislation, (6) Private and Public Welfare Agencies, (7) Church Responsibilities, (8) Law Enforcement, (9) Community Coordination, (10) Health, Mental Hygiene and Child Guidance Clinics.

The 10 reports on these sub-panels are being processed into one inclusive rural aspects report of about 100 pages (double spaced) and a limited supply will be available from the Office of Information for single requests within about a week.

Among the groups which will be represented at the national conference on Juvenile delinquency are the Council of State Governments, youth serving agencies, courts, police, and detention representatives, churches, schools, farm, home, and homemaker organizations, women's clubs, and public welfare agencies.

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PMA ADMINISTRATOR Robt. H. Shields and President of CCC has resigned to become Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the U. S. Beet Sugar Association. He will remain with USDA for several weeks, however. His successor has not been named. Secretary Anderson expressed sincere regret for Mr. Shields' resignation and said: "Through many years he has proved himself an unusually able public official and is at present carrying out important administrative responsibilities with great efficiency." Mr. Shields was USDA Solicitor before being appointed PMA Administrator and President of CCC this spring.

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SOME RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Protect Home-Cured Meat from Insects, AIS-52, 6-section folder; Preventing Black Rot Losses in Sweetpotatoes, AIS-55, 6-section folder; Relation of Temperature and Seed Moisture to the Viability of Stored Soybean Seed, Circ. No. 753, 9 p.; Effect of Chloride and Sulfate Salts on the Growth and Development of the Elberta Peach on Shalil and Lovel Rootstocks, Tech. Bul. No. 922, 48 p.; Making and Storing Farm Butter for Home Use, Farmers' Bul. No. 1979, 16 p.; DDT and Other Insecticides and Repellents, Misc. Pub. No. 606, 71 p. (this was developed for the Armed Forces and is closely restricted for USDA distribution).

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FARM PRICES AND AGRICULTURAL WELFARE. . . . The main theme of Secretary Anderson's Sept. 24 broadcast over NBC was that price ceilings are as high as they need to be to stimulate production and that few if any price adjustments are considered necessary or desirable by the Department. "The greatest protection for the farmer from here on is to keep the economy on an even keel," he said, and warned that high farm prices have a direct bearing on runaway inflation.

The situation farmers face today is marked by four important factors, Secretary Anderson said: (1) difficulties arising from the price uncertainties of the past months, (2) the general level of farm prosperity, (3) the remarkable increase in farm productivity during the war years which seems "destined to continue," and (4) the current reliance on export markets which should be tempered by present and future world conditions. "We shall fight for as large a world market as we can possibly obtain. But there are signs in the skies," the Secretary reminded.

Mr. Anderson emphasized the importance of the domestic market for farm products. "If foreign markets shrink, farmers must rely on the home market more than ever. If that fails them, they are gone. If American farmers are to hold their present high level of production and prosperity, the present food consumption of our neighbors in the city must be maintained and increased. This adds up to an imperative need for keeping farm prices reasonable," he said. As for consumer prices in general, the Secretary said that the industrial and agricultural groups can, by working together, maintain that stability in prices which is so desperately needed from here on out. For this address ask Press Service for release no. 2093.

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IN RE SOME "WEEK" DATES. . . . United Nations Week has again been postponed-- this time to October 20 through the 26th. Postponement of the UN assembly sessions is the reason. Lest you forget, next week, October 6-12, is NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK and NATIONAL EMPLOY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK. It is also the week of the Outlook Conference.

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RADIO PROGRAMS, OCT. 5. . . . CONSUMER TIME, NBC, 12:15 p.m., EST, "Freedom from Fire"--a dramatized story of how carelessness causes fire. . . Tips against using gasoline in the home and tampering with fuses. . . dust explosions in incinerators, etc. Program planned to emphasize National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12.

AMERICAN FARMER, ABC, 12:30 p.m., EST, the "Business Side of Farming," regular USDA feature.

NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR, NBC, 1:00 p.m., EST, "Department of Agriculture Headlines."

NOTE--By October 5, summer daylight saving time will no longer be in effect on the many radio stations observing it this year--this explains the changes in time on the three programs above.

SOME USDA RELEASES. . . . 2,4-D does not harm cows, BPISAE finds (from USDA Clip-sheet)--1941; USDA ends coffee controls in termination of remaining provisions of WFO-146--2069;  
USDA sales of agricultural products total \$4,159,979 in August--2057;  
Freezer space short; greater use of cooler space urged by USDA and Warehouse Industry Advisory Committee--2076;  
The world sugar situation--significant increase in rations not likely until 1946-47 crops are in, summary of BAE report--2083;  
Dry beans and peas allocated--2082;  
Wheat order permits feed use of red durum by amend. 16 to WFO-144--2089;  
The poultry and egg situation, summary of BAE report--2084;  
WFO-145 amended to save fruit by easing restrictions on amount of corn or grain sorghums used for glucose or dextrose in fruit products--2088;  
Ceiling inventory provision of WFO-111 suspended (concerns frozen foods in storage)--2087;  
Standards of quality and consumer grades for shell eggs revised--2079;  
Stocks of dry beans and dry peas--commercial stocks lowest ever reported according to Crop Reporting Board--2096;  
Flour millers permitted to combine September and October distribution by amend. to WFO-144--2102  
New cotton crop insurance contract announced--2103;  
USDA sets forth decontrol procedure in press release--2109;  
Diversion program for No. 2 shelled peanuts announced--2108;  
Record supplies of canned fruit juices expected on market this winter--2064;  
FARM PRICES AND AGRICULTURAL WELFARE, NBC broadcast by Secretary Anderson, from Albuquerque, Sept. 24--2093;  
Details of 1946-crop soybean program announced--2116;  
Forest Service sets up first State and Private Forestry Division in California, with Wm. S. Swingler as chief; headquarters in San Francisco Regional Forest Service Office--2033;  
Sweetpotato price differential amended--2117;  
Dry bean set-asides resumed under Amend. 10 to WFO-45

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . 7,000 collapsible water tanks, suitable for temporary storage of grain, available from war surplus stocks, WAA Administrator reminds Nation's farmers--WAA-602; Dairy products not to be returned to price control now, Price Decontrol Board announces with explanation--PDB-15; Advance announcement of allocation program for increasing flow of meat to hospitals, asylums, orphanages, and prisons--OPA-6826; Mill ceilings for finished rice increased from 50 cents to \$1.70 per hundred pounds eff. Sept. 16 as interim adjustment--will increase retail ceilings 1 to 2 cents a pound--OPA-6828; CPA announces USDA appeal to farmers to comb farms for iron and steel scrap badly needed in industry--USDA field offices asked to inform farmers of the urgent need--CPA-556.

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NEW AIC ADDRESS. . . . The American Institute of Cooperation has moved its entire staff from Philadelphia to Washington. The address is 1302 Eighteenth Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. Dr. Raymond Miller is President of the Institute.

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IMPORTANT FARMER ELECTIONS. . . . From the last week of September until the middle of December, farmers will be electing Agricultural Conservation Program (AAA) farmer-committeemen in every farming community of the Nation.

In each community, "eligible" farmers"--generally speaking, those taking part in the Agricultural Conservation Program, the sugar program, or the Federal Crop Insurance program--ballot for a local committee of not more than three members and two alternates. They also choose a delegate to the county convention, where all community delegates elect a three-man county committee.

This means annual election of more than 100,000 committeemen, who during the following year will administer locally such national farm programs as the Agricultural Conservation Program, crop adjustments, marketing quotas, Federal crop insurance, and commodity loans and purchases to support farm prices.

The annual election "from among their own number," as directed by Congress, makes it possible for farmers to pick committeemen familiar with local problems and needs. The elections are a democratic way of insuring that the farmer's voice is heard in developing and carrying out national farm programs.

Since these programs affect the daily operations of every farmer, it is important to have program decisions made by committeemen who represent the choice of a majority of farmers in the community. This will be certain if every eligible farmer votes in the elections. So the job is to persuade every eligible farmer to go to the polls!

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TO THE HARVEST. . . . The Department's farm labor program is helping to close in the gap between the number of workers available and the number needed to harvest the big 1947 crop.

On Sept. 27, 600 workers were moved into Washington State to pick apples--200 from Ark., 100 from Okla, and 300 from Kans. Into Idaho to harvest potatoes the following movement of workers is scheduled: Sept. 27--100 from Okla; Oct. 1, 400 from Ky.; Oct. 3, 475 from Tenn.

Extension's farm labor force is in the process of recruiting some 900 additional workers to send to Idaho later this fall to harvest potatoes--500 from Kans., 200 from Ark., and 200 from Okla. On Sept. 27, 100 were to leave Okla. to harvest potatoes in Wyo.

Later this fall there is expected to be urgent need for cotton pickers from surplus labor areas. Extension Service is "standing by" to recruit and transport these workers under the farm labor program if necessary. So far this year 6,657 workers have been transported from 11 States to assure the harvest of bountiful crops in 15 other States.

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REMINDER. . . . In accordance with last week's announcement that you will receive the Famine Campaign Roundup once every two weeks until further notice, you will not receive it this week.

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APPLICATION DATES FOR COTTON INSURANCE. . . . Closing dates for filing applications for cotton crop insurance in most cases are around two weeks earlier than usual. This may call for extra diligence in reminding farmers of closing dates. Dates vary by States and in some sections, by counties. All applications must be filed before the crop is planted. Here are the final dates:

Alabama - March 15, 31  
Arizona - Feb. 28  
Arkansas - March 31  
California - Feb. 28  
Florida - March 15  
Georgia - March 15, 31  
Illinois - March 31  
Kansas - March 31  
Kentucky - March 31

Louisiana - Feb. 28  
Mississippi - March 15-31  
Missouri - March 31  
New Mexico - Jan. 31, Feb. 28  
N. Carolina - March 31  
Oklahoma - Feb. 15, March 31  
S. Carolina - March 15, 31  
Tennessee - March 31  
Texas - Jan. 31, Feb. 15, March 15

Virginia - March 31

Changes in the 1947 cotton insurance program, previously explained in the Calendar, relate to the amount of coverage a farmer can secure at various stages of cotton production. The 1947 FCIC cotton program is explained fully in a recent press release No. 2103.

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